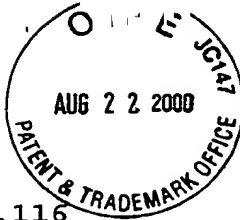


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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FEBRUARY 18, 2000 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the February 18, 2000 Final Office Action which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the February 18, 2000 Final Office Action was originally due on May 18, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from May 18, 2000 to August 18, 2000. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$435.00). Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a reply to the February 18, 2000 Final Office Action is now due August 18, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4 and 92 as follows:

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